Subject: Chatham Artillery Co.
George Washington medal

Chatham Artillery Company
[Savannah, GA]

1932

CHATHAM ARTILLERY
ORGANIZED MAY 1, 1786
SAVANNAH, GA.

May 23, 1932

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway &156th Street,
New York City

Gentlemen:

We have a medal which was found in Charleston this year. It was cast in white metal, which a local jeweler says is spelter. It is 1 3/4 inches in diameter, and 5/32 of an inch thick at the edge.

The obverse has a bust of George Washington facing left in high relief. The lettering around the edge is "George Washington."

The reverse has a replica of two guns owned by the Chatham Artillery, with the following inscription around the edge "Guns Captured at Yorktown" and "Chatham Artillery 1791." The inside at the top has the date October 19, 1781, with the inscription "At the Surrender of Cornwallis" and "Presented by General George Washington", making the complete reading on the reverse "Guns Captured at Yorktown October 19, 1781, at the Surrender of Cornwallis Presented by General George Washington to the Chatham Artillery in 1791."

No one in Savannah has apparently ever seen or heard of this medal before, and we would appreciate very much if you can give us any information as to when it was struck, why it was struck, or by whom it was struck.

With best wishes I remain,

Sincerely yours,

CHATHAM ARTILLERY,

George F. Hoffmann

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GFH:M

May 31, 1932.

Mr. George F. Hoffman
Chatham Artillery
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Sir:

We are familiar with the medal of the Guns Captured at Yorktown and presented to the Chatham Artillery Company. To our knowledge it comes in bronze and white metal, possibly in silver. By the workmanship we should judge it was made anywhere from 1840 to 1880. We do not know why the medal was made or who made it. We feel sure that if you trace your records back far enough you would either find that the Chatham Artillery had it made or someone that had connections with the company authorized it. At any rate we should rather imagine that a set of these at one time must have been given to the Artillery Company. We have no knowledge how rare they are. All we do know is that we have a bronze and a white metal specimen.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

CHATHAM ARTILLERY

ORGANIZED MAY 1, 1786

SAVANNAH, GA.

June 2, 1932

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th Streets,
New York City,

Att: Mr. Howard Wood

Dear Mr. Wood:

I appreciate very much the information given me in your letter of May 13st. If you should get any additional information regarding this medal, I will appreciate very much your transmitting it to me.

Sincerely yours,

CHATHAM ARTILLERY

George F. Hoffmann

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